

When Emperor Justin II dismissed Narses from the Italian exarchate in 567, Lombards left their Danubian lands to their allies the Avars, and poured through the Alps to take the place vacated by the Ostrogoths.

Apart from the stubborn defense of a few fortified cities; notably Pavia, no resistance was offered to their conquest and settlement in the much depopulated "Lombard plain".

567

Chulpsic murders Sakavinttha and
marie Fredegond; 17 yrs of
Civil war.

Franks

Death of CHARIBERT I.

His territory was divided among his brothers:

AUSTRASIA; capital Rheims: population mostly German

BURGUNDY; capital Orléans } population

NEUSTRIA; capital Soissons

was Roman - Celtic or Romance
(of Burgundy & Neustria).